

# E-HAPPENINGS

## WESTERN NEVADA COLLEGE

February 2010

### NEWS & EVENTS

#### **Grant Will Arm Instructors with Tools for Student Success**

Disability Support Services coordinator Susan Trist and partners from three other colleges are recipients of a grant for \$114,994 from the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education program. The grant supports a two-year project to develop a course that educates college faculty and staff about resources to help students succeed. At right, Susan Trist works with a student.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-02-05b.php>



#### **Summer Research Opportunity for Students**

The National Science Foundation is accepting applications for a summer 2010 scholarship through the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) for Climate Change Research in Carson City. WNC Chemistry Professor Mike Sady and Dr. Jay Arnone of Desert Research Institute are specifically looking for a student to work with on a project that will provide Spanish language educational materials (video, print, curricular) for K-12 students and their teachers utilizing the outdoor classroom of the Waterfall Fire Interpretive Trail at WNC Carson City. The deadline for all application materials is Monday, March 1. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-02-05c.php>

Additional information and full scholarship qualifications may be found at:

<http://www.nevada.edu/epscor/nsf-overview.html>

#### **Fallon Campus to Host Nevada Small Farm Conference**



WNC Specialty Crop Institute is partnering with many Nevada agricultural organizations to host the Nevada Small Farm Conference, Friday-Saturday, March 12-13, at WNC Fallon campus and the Fallon Convention Center. The two-day event will encourage successful small farm operations through workshops, round table discussions and networking opportunities. Early bird registration cost is \$75. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-02-05a.php> Information/registration: [www.wnc.edu/sci/](http://www.wnc.edu/sci/) or Ann Louhela at 351-2551. At left, Lavender Ridge Farm in Reno.

## IN THE ARTS

### **"Opening Night On Broadway" This Weekend**

Enjoy a Valentine's weekend spectacular on stage with the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company. "Opening Night on Broadway" is a revue of Broadway musicals. Performances are Friday-Sunday, Feb. 12-14, at the Carson City Community Center. The show features a live orchestra and a cast of more than 40 performers. Selections have been chosen from "Mary Poppins," "Wicked," "Mamma Mia," "Jersey Boys," "Hairspray" and more. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$20-general admission, \$18-students and seniors, and \$16-youth 17 and younger. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-01-15a.php>



### **"Faces, Voices and Stories" opens with 'Dynamic Duo' of Poetry**

WNC's spring cultural series begins with the "Dynamic Duo," a pair of poets who use dual voice work and comedy, along with raw poetry, to convey their message. Panama Soweto and Ken Arkind will perform at noon and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the Dini Student Center, Carson City campus, and at 7 p.m. in Virgil Getto Hall, Rm. 303, Fallon campus. Performances are free.

### **WNC Fallon Gallery Features Art by Galen Brown**

The Virgil Getto Gallery presents "Red, Blue and Other Colors", through Friday, Feb. 26. This is a colorful and dynamic exhibition inspired by Lake Tahoe. Growing up in a Lake Tahoe beach house, Brown watched weather and the water change constantly, an experience that influences his art. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-01-25b.php>

## ATHLETICS

### **Student Athletes Achieve Success in Classroom**

WNC baseball and softball teams have yet to play a 2010 season game on their home fields, but they have already earned accolades on campus. Both groups of student athletes tallied team grade point averages of 3.0 (B) or better in their fall semester studies. The women's softball team tallied a 3.22 cumulative grade point average in the fall term. The student athletes also completed 89 percent of their courses. Wildcats baseball players tallied a 3.12 fall team GPA and completed 96 percent of their courses. <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-02-08b.php>

### **Players Sign With Wildcats**

Top high school baseball players from Nevada and around the West have committed to WNC for 2011. According to Head Coach DJ Whittemore, "This is one of the finest groups of players WNC has ever recruited." It includes two top players from Northern Nevada, as well as standouts from Las Vegas and Salt Lake City, and several top players from the Northwest.

<http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-01-19a.php>



## COLLEGE CORNER



### **Dr. Ursula Carlson Receives NSHE Teaching Award**

English Professor Ursula Carlson is the recipient of the 2010 Nevada Regents Teaching Award. Dr. Carlson was nominated for her participation and leadership in seminars, workshops and groups at WNC and in the community; for her local and national recognition for writing projects and exams; and the success of her students. Carlson expresses that she is "deeply moved by this honor. The Regents' Teaching Award affirms all that I value: the excitement of learning, the beauty of thought and expression, the riches of knowledge and art, and the consolation of understanding oneself and others."

### **Fall 2009 Dean's List Now Available Online**

WNC has named 301 students to the Fall 2009 Dean's List. Eligible students must complete at least 12 credits for the semester with a 3.5 or higher grade point average. View the Dean's List: <http://www.wnc.edu/news/2010-01-25a.php>

### **Student Group Supporting Adult Students**

Attending college as an adult can be challenging and intimidating.

"Campus Connect," a newly formed group at WNC, is helping ease the transition to college by building a social network specifically for adult students. Through meetings and events on campus, the club aims to create a positive college experience for adults new to or returning to college. The club meets on Tuesdays from 12:15-1:15 p.m. For information or meeting locations, contact Deb Case at 445-3270.



### **New Student Information/Registration System Getting Closer**

WNC is getting closer to rolling out its new student registration/information system. "Integrate" as the new online system is called, is being piloted at TMCC and other sister schools in the state this spring. WNC admissions and technology experts are preparing to roll it out at WNC in the fall. Regular updates will be provided in the E-Happenings newsletter, so watch for more information. Anyone with questions can contact WNC's lead project member, Eric Thornton, at 445-3273.

### **Fall 2010 Financial Assistance Applications Now Being Accepted**

Students are encouraged to plan ahead for the fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters. Financial Assistance applications are being accepted through Thursday, April 1. Students can apply for grants, scholarships, loans, or employment to help pay for tuition, books and more. Information: 445-3264. <http://www.wnc.edu/student services/financial/>

### **Scholarship Event to Benefit Women College Students**

The fourth annual International Women's Day scholarship fund-raiser, for women college students in Northern Nevada, will be noon to 3 p.m Sunday, March 7, at the Siena Hotel in Reno. Cost is \$35 (\$45 after February 26). Event attendees may designate that proceeds from their ticket directly benefit WNC. Information: Donna Clontz, 240-2745.



## **"Why I Give" – Employees Support WNC With Donations**

As the WNC Foundation continues its "family campaign" to make a difference at our college, many generous employees are sharing their thoughts about why they donate.

Kathryn Clark-Ross from the Financial Assistance Office gives in honor of her father, Dr. William E Clark to help medical students reach their full potential. She emphasizes that all our students are special, and believes that we should help our students recognize that.

Fallon campus psychology/sociology instructor Janet King gives because she feels blessed to live in the most beautiful state in the nation, has a talented and educated family, and realizes that it's easy to spend on so many things without thought. She believes the question to ask is "why don't I give more?"

Teri Zutter, director of the Educational Learning and Literacy program, gives because she is proud of what she does and of Western Nevada College. She acknowledges all that we do at WNC, and recognizes the high caliber of students we have.

Fifty percent of the college's employees have already participated in the "Choose to Make a Difference" campaign. This generosity shows the community that WNC is a good investment. The amount of the gift is not important; all employees are encouraged to give. To donate, contact the Foundation at: 445-3240, and complete a Choose to Make a Difference form.

## **HOLD THE DATE**

"Faces, Voices & Stories" spring series also includes:

**"Heaven in the Midst of Hell,"** lecture by U.S. Navy Commander Sheri Snively,

Friday, March 12, 7 p.m., Marlette Hall, Cedar Building, Carson campus

**Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival**, Friday, April 23, 7 p.m.

Marlette Hall, Cedar Building, Carson City campus

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Festival**, Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Carson City campus.

March 16: Science Fair Award Night, Carson City Campus

March 19: Women in Non-Traditional Careers Day, Carson City Campus

April 16: College Day, Carson City Campus

April 30: College Day, Fallon Campus

May 3-5: Northwest Accreditation Team Site Visit – all campuses